

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC General Military Information

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES 2

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REMARKS

1. At about 7 a.m. on 23 April 1953, 8 x 85-mm AA guns, 3 field kitchens, about 7 sedans, 20 trucks and large quantities of billeting equipment were detained at the Dessau railroad station. [REDACTED]

At about 4:45 p.m. on 23 April, a train with billeting equipment was unloaded at the Posigkau railroad station. The billeting equipment was picked up by trucks which, [REDACTED] left toward Kochstedt.¹

2. The following detrainments were observed at the Aken freight station:

On 12 April 1953: billeting equipment from 12 boxcars, lumber from 12 flatcars with sideracks, and beams from 6 boxcars. The train came from Cernrode, Harz Mts.

On 13 April: pontoons, lumber, trucks and troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia from a train of 60 axles. [REDACTED]

On 16 April: bridge building materiel and about 200 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia from 22 flatcars with sideracks. The building equipment included iron and light metal structures. A shipping label on one of the cars read Listerose.²

On 19 April: troops from 10 boxcars and motor vehicles from 22 flatcars with sideracks. [REDACTED]

columns left the freight station toward the Elbe River near Irambach.³

3. On 14 April, [REDACTED] a large camp was torn down on the left bank of the Saale River near Bad Koesen. An engineer bridge across the Saale River was also dismantled. The troops had apparently left before. Wooden parts from the camp were seen on the Bad Koesen freight station. On 21 April, the rest of the engineer bridge near Bad Koesen and the wooden sections at the freight station were hauled away.⁴

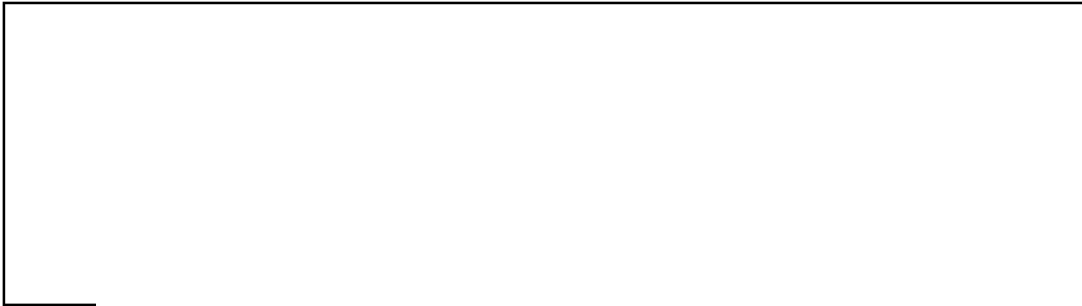
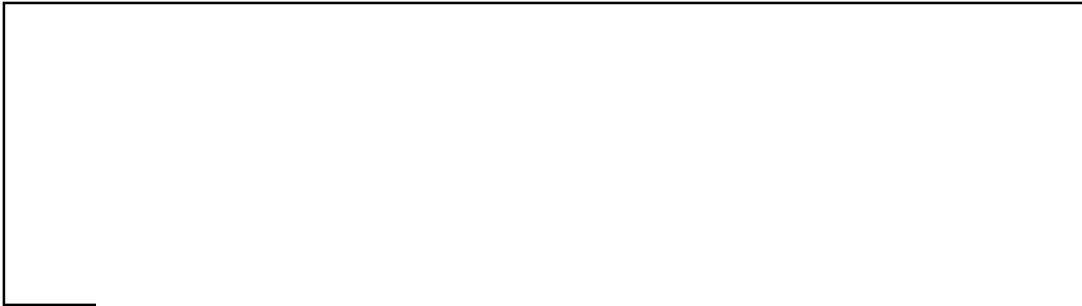
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4.  Comment. The information confirms the deactivation of the Pad Koesen
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